

Preparations for Olympic broadcasts

For several months the Department of Communications has been involved in preparation for world-wide broadcasting of the 1976 Olympic Games.

The Olympic Radio and Television Organization (ORTO) is planning to broadcast the games to one billion people throughout the world using cable, microwave and satellite.

Gilles Mignault, Pierre Roy and Jacques Bourassa from the Quebec Regional Office are representing the department on the organizing committee, which is planning the installation of radio communications links and telecommunications systems to cover the many events that will take place in Montreal, Verdun and Kingston.

This mammoth communications project will involve 20 mobile studios, 89 videotape recorders, 107 cameras, 14 telecine chains, 4,500 radio circuits, 35 video circuits, 50 television studios and 110 offices for foreign broadcasters.

Study on attitudes to ethnic groups

A national study of the attitudes held by the majority of Canadians toward ethno-cultural groups in Canada has been commissioned by the Minister of State Responsible for Multiculturalism. In addition to a large scale survey across the country, a number of more experimental studies in selected areas will be made. The object is to define the attitudes Canadians hold about members of the various ethnic, cultural and racial groups who have settled in Canada.

Ethnic groups are encouraged by the Federal Government to retain their heritage and share it with other Canadians.

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Dean R.L. Watts appointed next Principal of Queen's

Ronald Lampman Watts, 45, will be the next Principal and Vice-Chancellor of Queen's University, Kingston, Ontario. Dr. Watts, who has been Dean of the Faculty of Arts and Science at Queen's since 1969, will succeed Dr. John J. Deutsch when he retires, effective October 1.



Dr. Ronald Lampman Watts

Dr. Watts' association with Queen's covers almost 20 years, going back to his appointment as a lecturer in political philosophy. He will continue to teach in the Department of Political Studies, which he joined in 1962.

Many alumni of the late 1950s will remember him as don and warden of McNeill House, the first men's residence. He helped plan the rest of the men's residences and still sits on the Residences Board. Part of his wide experience of Queens and its workings also has come from his executive service with the Faculty Association and his work on the Senate, notably the Special Committee on Grievance, Discipline and Related Matters.

Outside Queen's, particularly during the past five years, Dr. Watts has been active in university affairs at both the provincial and national levels.

In his special academic field — federal political systems — he has been consulted by governments in this country and also Uganda (1963), Nigeria (1969), and Papua, New Guinea (1974). He has written books in this field and has travelled overseas as a visiting lecturer.

Dr. Watts is a graduate of the Uni-

versity of Toronto and of Oxford, which he attended as a Rhodes Scholar specializing in philosophy, politics and economics. He has been awarded four Canada Council fellowships, was Canadian-Commonwealth exchange scholar to Australia in 1968, and Ford Foundation Professor at the University of Ife in Ibadan, Nigeria, in 1969.

Consumer prices still rising

Statistics Canada reports a rise of 10.8 per cent in the consumer price index from August last year to August 1974, owing mainly to the price of food. The total food index moved up 14.3 per cent during the 12 months, the cost of that consumed at home rising 13.2 per cent and that away from home 20.2 per cent.

The consumer price index rose 1.0 per cent to 169.6 in August from 168.0 in July. Though increases were recorded for all major components, most of the latest month's advance was owing to a 1.4 per cent rise in the food index and a 0.9 per cent increase in housing. The transportation index went up 0.6 per cent and that for recreation, education and reading rose 1.0 per cent. The health and personal care element advanced 1.5 per cent, clothing prices rose 0.5 per cent and tobacco and alcohol went up 0.8 per cent. In the latest month, the price level for all items other than food rose 0.8 per cent.

Travel agents meet in Montreal

In October, 5,500 travel agents and industry officials from around the world, will attend the American Society of Travel Agents (ASTA) four-day convention and trade show in Montreal. Though this is the forty-fourth meeting, it is ASTA's first in Canada and will be the largest ever held.

Also for the first time, free tours are being offered by the host country. They cover transportation, accommodation, sightseeing but exclude personal items such as telephone calls and room service. Some 18 itineraries have been organized, ranging from three to ten days and going to all parts of the country.